World Food Day

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As the zoo-schoolers proceeded through the hallway, various aromas were filling their nostrils. While the food was being arranged, they each peered into the multipurpose room to get a glance at the event unfolding. This year on October 16th, students prepared and brought in food from cultures all over the globe for World Food Day. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations first established World Food Day in 1979, but it became an international tradition in 1981. More than one-hundred and fifty countries worldwide participate in this event. This day specifically provides us with the convenience to build up the national and international battle against hunger, poverty and malnutrition.

At our Zoo School lunch-in, we had four to five tables full of desserts, appetizers and main courses. We also had placemats detailing World Food Day and stickers to wear to help spread the word throughout the rest of the day. This was the first time that Zoo School had participated in the event, which was memorable. This meal was not just the opportunity to gorge ourselves with delicious foods; instead, we were eating with a purpose. We were given the chance to raise awareness on world hunger. It may sound ironic to be consuming so much food on a day striving to end world hunger, but it allowed us the opportunity to gather as a whole and discuss these worldwide issues.

